

Docket No. 213202.00271

Date: February 1, 2006

NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER  
TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

In re Application of: DONALD R. RICCI, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/744,916

For: SMALL VESSEL EXPANDABLE STENT AND  
METHOD FOR PRODUCTION OF SAME

Filed: June 27, 2001

Group Art Unit: 3738

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Commissioner for Patents

P. O. Box 1450

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Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from  
the decision dated August 1, 2006 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting Claims 32-59.

The items checked below are appropriate.

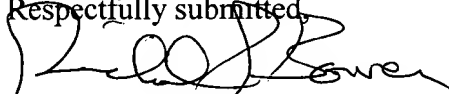
1. ☒ A Petition for a three month extension of time to respond to the final rejection,  
together with the \$ 1,020.00 extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, is being filed concurrently  
herewith.
2. ☐ A Petition for a two-month extension of time to respond to the final rejection,  
together with the \_\_\_\_\_ extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, was filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ A Petition for a one-month extension of time to take further action, together with the  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, was filed on \_\_\_\_\_.

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4. ☒ Notice of Appeal Fee
- ☒ Fee \$500.00 (Verified Statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, if not filed previously.)
- ☐ Enclosed
- ☐ Not required (fee paid in prior appeal)
- ☒ Charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1710. (One additional copy of this Notice is enclosed herewith)
5. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1710. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.
6. ☒ Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 625-3507. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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